



## FALL FOCUS WEBINARS ON TOPICS RELATED TO VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Hands On Network is pleased to announce their annual Fall Focus, a series of FREE webinars on topics related to volunteer management for **national service programs**. The 90-minute sessions are at 2:00pm (EDT) throughout September. You can attend as many sessions as you'd like, and space is limited, so sign up today at:

<https://handsonnetwork.webex.com/>

September 6: *Building Bridges: Working with Diverse Populations*

September 14: *Volunteer Motivation: The Key To Successful Recruitment, Retention and Recognition*

September 20: *Building Volunteer Leadership to Increase Capacity*

September 24: *Moving Volunteers from Service to Civic Engagement*

For further information, please e-mail: [training@handsonnetwork.org](mailto:training@handsonnetwork.org)

## TAKE THE LEARN & SERVE CHALLENGE!

[www.learnandservechallenge.org](http://www.learnandservechallenge.org)



Through a concentrated week of special events and activities, the Learn & Serve Challenge will spotlight service-learning successes around the country in order to build awareness of students' contributions to their communities; spread effective service-learning practices; and inspire other schools and communities to launch their own programs and projects.

Visit the new and improved Learn & Serve America Official Website, where you can access a variety of tools and materials to help you plan your L & S Challenge event:

[www.learnandservechallenge.org](http://www.learnandservechallenge.org)

### ONLINE RESOURCES:

Check out the tip sheets and templates located on the Activity Tips and Tools page. There's also sample text for an email announcement you may want to send to your friends and colleagues.

### NATIONAL DIRECTORY:

Check out the "Tell Us About Your Event" page to complete the online survey and register your event or activity. A listing of activities will be published to the website and updated regularly.

### ONLINE STORE:

There is also an online store where you may purchase buttons, t-shirts, and other items on an as-needed basis. There's a link on the website, or you can visit:

[www.cafepress.com/lchallenge](http://www.cafepress.com/lchallenge)

### NEW ONLINE COURSE: Utilizing Volunteers as Project Leaders

An organization benefits from a robust volunteer infrastructure that sustains the activities of the organization. Essential to this sustainability are volunteer project leaders — community members who are trained to recognize community needs and to lead other volunteers in service activities that will meet those needs.

In this session, you will discover how to build a strong volunteer leader program by establishing a project leadership framework and then recruiting, equipping, and supporting your leaders.

*This online course was created cooperatively by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Hands On Network, and ETR Associates. Take advantage of this FREE online course at:*  
<http://my.nationalservice.org/learning/>

### Mentor Michigan Conference October 24, 2007 Lansing

Join mentoring professionals from around the state in Lansing for Michigan's premiere mentoring conference. National mentoring experts will share interesting insights during keynote addresses and workshops will inspire and equip you with new ideas and resources.

Hosted by Mentor Michigan, this conference is open to all professionals in the field of youth mentoring. Participants will leave this conference refreshed, energized, and ready to get back to work in their community! For more information and the registration brochure, visit:  
[www.mentormichigan.org](http://www.mentormichigan.org).

***The early bird registration deadline is September 14<sup>th</sup>!***



# The Workbench's Three - Month National Service Planner



## SEPTEMBER 2007

- 3 Labor Day
- 6 Hands On Network Fall Focus Webinar: *Building Bridges: Working with Diverse Populations*, 2:00pm, <https://handsonnetwork.webex.com/>
- 11 My Good Deed Day of Service ([www.myGoodDeed.org](http://www.myGoodDeed.org))
- 14 Hands On Network Fall Focus Webinar: *Volunteer Motivation: The Key To Successful Recruitment, Retention and Recognition*, 2:00pm, <https://handsonnetwork.webex.com/>
- 14 Learning through Evaluation: How Nonprofits Can Develop Their Evaluation Capacity, Kalamazoo, MI (The Evaluation Capacity Development Group and The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, (269) 668-7188, [krusson@gmail.net](mailto:krusson@gmail.net))
- 14 Governing Nonprofits for Success, Grand Rapids, MI (Dorothy A. Johnson Center, Jane Kreha, (616) 331-7031)
- 14 Early bird registration deadline for the Mentor Michigan Conference (Kathie Vasilion, [vasilionk@michigan.gov](mailto:vasilionk@michigan.gov), (517) 373-4200)
- 17-23 The National Learn and Serve Challenge ([www.servicelearningpartnership.org](http://www.servicelearningpartnership.org))
- 20 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm, Lansing, MI (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 20 Hands On Network Fall Focus Webinar: *Building Volunteer Leadership to Increase Capacity*, 2:00pm, <https://handsonnetwork.webex.com/>
- 20 Proposal Research – Finding the Right Funder, Battle Creek, MI (No charge, pre-registration is required, (269) 968-8166 x548, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 24 Hands On Network Fall Focus Webinar: *Moving Volunteers from Service to Civic Engagement*, 2:00pm, <https://handsonnetwork.webex.com/>
- 25 Grand Rapids AmeriCorps Alums Chapter Kickoff, Grand Rapids, 7:00-9:00pm (Molly Frendo, [frendomoll@anr.msu.edu](mailto:frendomoll@anr.msu.edu), [www.americorpsalums.org](http://www.americorpsalums.org))
- 26 Nonprofit Day 2007, Lansing, MI ([www.mnaonline.org/nonprofit07.asp](http://www.mnaonline.org/nonprofit07.asp))

## OCTOBER 2007

- 18 Proposal Writing and Fund Development Overview, Battle Creek, MI (No charge, pre-registration is required, (269) 968-8166 x548, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 24 Mentor Michigan Conference, Lansing, MI, 8:00am-4:15pm (Kathie Vasilion, (517) 373-4200, [vasilionk@michigan.gov](mailto:vasilionk@michigan.gov), [www.mentormichigan.org](http://www.mentormichigan.org))
- 25 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 27 Make A Difference Day ([www.makeadifferenceday.com](http://www.makeadifferenceday.com))
- 27 Nonprofit Board Building, Charlotte, MI (Eaton County United Way in partnership with Michigan Nonprofit Association, [ecuw@ecuw.org](mailto:ecuw@ecuw.org), [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))

## NOVEMBER 2007

- 7 Webinar: Mind the Paper and the Vapor, Document Destruction (Nonprofit Risk Management Center, (202) 785-3891, [www.nonprofitrisk.org](http://www.nonprofitrisk.org))
- 13 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Celebration, 9:00am-4:30pm, Lansing (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 13-14 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council Meeting, Lansing, (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 17 National Family Volunteer Day ([www.familyvolunteerday.org](http://www.familyvolunteerday.org))

\*If you or your agency would like information about upcoming events included in our three-month National Service planner, please contact Megan Sargent at [sargentm1@michigan.gov](mailto:sargentm1@michigan.gov) or (517) 241-3494.